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PSYOP MESSAGE

1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS

DURING SEPTEMBER 1-15 REPORTING PERIOD, VOF CONTINUED VERY HEAVY EMPHASIS ON NVN INTERNAL PROBLEMS. DREW ON REPORTS FROM HANOI DAILIES TO STRESS FALLING CIVILIAN MORALE, INCREASED SMUGGLING, GROWING MANPOWER SHORTAGES, INADEQUATE WAGES, SUPPRESSION OF AUTHORS' AND ARTISTS' FREEDOM.

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WIDESPREAD FLOODS AND EPIDEMICS.

FEATURES FOR NVA FORCES CONTINUED THEME OF NOSTALGIA FOR HOME AND INANITY OF NVN WAR POLICY, QUOTING RALLIERS AND CAPTURED LETTERS OF NVA SOLDIERS. PROBLEMS OF OTHER COMMUNIST NATIONS, SINO-SOVIET CONFLICT, DETERIORATION AND COUP IN CHILE AS RESULT OF COMMUNIST POLICIES WERE SUBJECTS OF FREQUENT NEWS ANALYSES. NEWS TREATMENT REGULARLY TALLIED AND ATTACKED COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, COMMUNIST DEADLOCKING OF JMC AND PARIS TALKS. ALSO PICKED UP DANISH PAPER'S INTERVIEW WITH POLISH ICCS OFFICER RE FALSITY OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA ON SVN SITUATION. ONLY MINOR ATTENTION GIVEN TO DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS OF SVN.

2. VTVN NATIONAL RADIO (AUDIBLE BY NVA IN SVN)

MOST FREQUENT IN REPORTING PERIOD WAS RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SVN, ESPECIALLY BY IMPROVING AGRICULTURE AND FURTHERING LAND REFORM TO MOVE TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENT ECONOMY, AND BY PROMOTING ADMINISTRATIVE REVOLUTION. SECONDARY, BUT DAILY ATTENTION WAS ON COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, ESPECIALLY REVELATION OF 12 REBUILT AIRFIELDS IN COMMUNIST AREAS AND CHICOM FREIGHTER USING DONG HA PORT. PROBLEMS OF NVN RECEIVED RELATIVELY LESS ATTENTION, AS DID FREE WORLD AID TO SVN AND GVN REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST PRG ACCEPTANCE BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. SINO-SOVIET PROBLEMS AND SOVIET SUPPRESSION OF INTELLECTUALS TREATED ABOUT EVERY OTHER DAY DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

3. VOA PROGRAMMING

VOA FEEDS FROM POST REGULARLY GAVE CEASEFIRE SITUATION ROUNDUP. REPORTED GVN PROTEST AGAINST COMMUNIST REBUILDING OF 12 AIRFIELDS AND CHICOM FREIGHTER USING SVN PORT. INCLUDED STORIES ON ROK AID TO SVN WAR VICTIMS, WEST GERMAN DONATION OF 1,000 WHEEL CHAIRS, ADB LOAN TO IMPROVE RUBBER PRODUCTION, REBUILDING OF SVN ROADS AND BRIDGES, PROGRESS OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM EFFORTS, AND REPORTS ON JMC MEETINGS.

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